

# Amele

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## 1 Language Information

- Source: Roberst (1984)
- Glottlog: <http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/amel1241>
- ISO-identifier: aey
- Speakers:
- Location: Papua New Guinea
- Geneology: Nuclear Trans New Guinea > Madang > Croisilles > Mabuso > Gum > Amele

## 2 Nominal Morphology

The noun has three numbers, singular, dual and plural.

## 3 Verbal Morphology

The subject (and the object) does not agree with the verb, but with a pronominal copy.

## 4 Conjunction

Sentences in Amele can be conjoined by the particle *ca* 'and' (= the preposition 'with'), and *qa* 'but'.

- (1) Uqa tutuc    cob-oc            ca   me   cob-oc            ca  
3SG straight walk-NOM/ADJ add good walk-NOM/ADJ add  
dadom-it-en.  
guide-1SG-3SG-REM.PAST  
'He taught me how to live a straight and good life.' [Roberst, 1984, p. 98]

- (2) Ija ja hud-ig-a                      qa uqa sab mane-i-a.  
 1SG fire open-1SG-TOD.PAST but 3SG food cook-3SG-TOD.PAST  
 'I lit the fire but she cooked the food.' [Roberst, 1984, p. 99]

## 5 Disjunction

Disjunction is marked by *fo*, and *o* 'or'.

- (3) Age ceteḥ ceteḥ bahu na dec ced-i-me-ig                      cut  
 3PL thing thing forest at from get-PRED-SAME SUBJ-2PL sago  
 get-i-me-ig                      fo ceed                      weg-i-me-ig                      fo  
 cut-PRED-SAME SUBJ-2PL or bamboo weave-PRED-SAME SUBJ-2PL or  
 fal-do-qag-an.  
 fence-3SG-2PL-FUT  
 'You can get something from the forest, cut some sago or weave some bamboo,  
 and then fence it.' [Roberst, 1984, p. 99]
- (4) Gama q-u-me-ig                      o sis                      q-u-me-ig                      o  
 lizard hit-PRED-SAME SUBJ-3PL or grasshopper hit-PRED-SAME SUBJ-3PL or  
 ceteḥ ceteḥ nag nag qu-qu                      cobo-gi-na.  
 thing thing small small ITERATIVE-hit walk-3PL-PRESS  
 'They go along shooting at small things like lizards or grasshoppers.' [Roberst,  
 1984, p. 99]

## 6 Postpositions

There are nine postpositions in Amele.

1. *na* 'at, in, on, with, of'
2. *ca* 'with, add, at, in'
3. *nu* 'for'
4. *dec* 'from'
5. *dodoc* 'self'
6. *sec* 'way'
7. *hen* 'way'
8. *we* 'like'
9. *eundec* 'origin'

## References

Roberst, John R. (1984). *Amele*. London: Croom Helm.